

# BOY, DO WE NEED SCOUTING!





Again last year, hundreds of thousands of murders, violent crimes, burglaries, robberies, and cases of drug abuse — more than a million crimes in all — were committed by teenage youth.

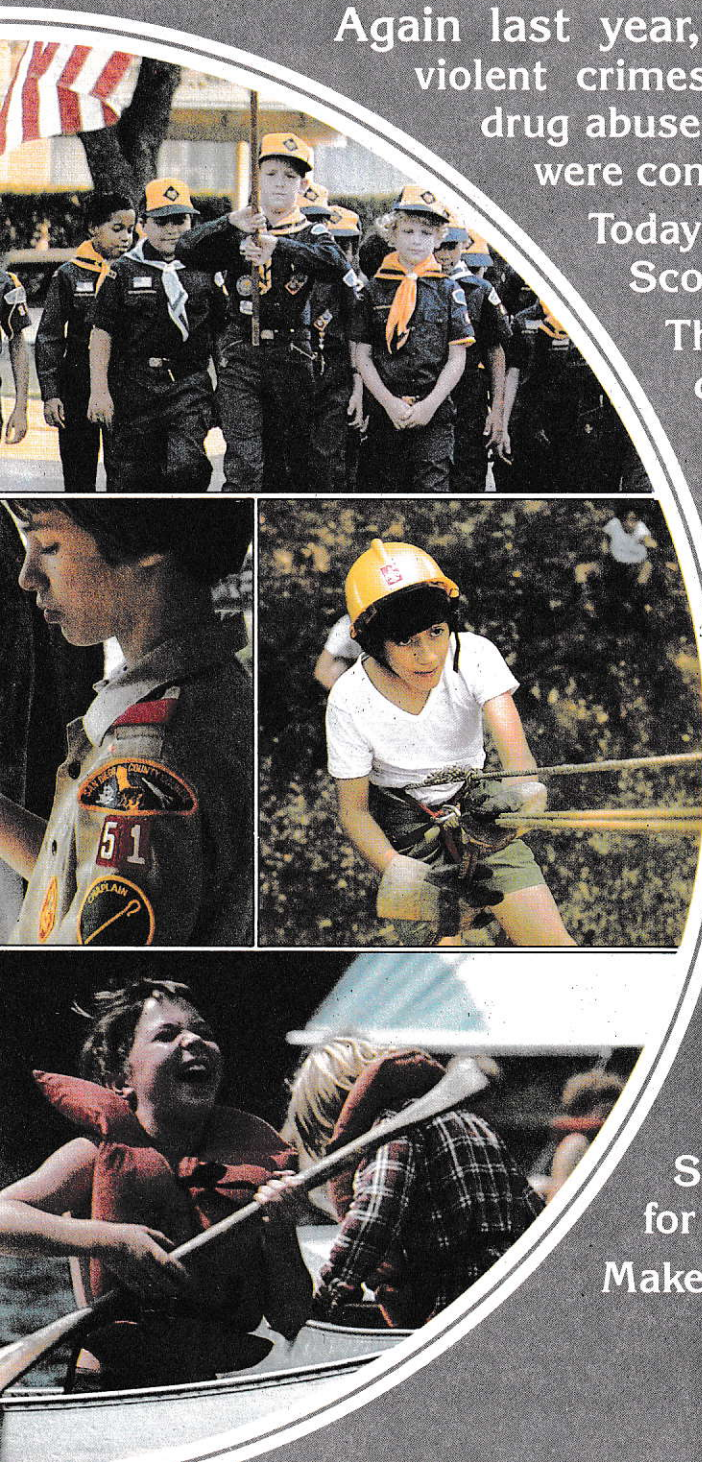
Today more than ever . . . Boy, Do We Need Scouting!

The Boy Scouts of America can make a difference. Scouting helps boys 8 through 14 and young adults attain desirable qualities of character. The program instills a sense of responsibility for participating citizenship. It develops mental, physical, and moral fitness.

But it takes people like you to keep Scouting strong. Your council operates a service center to assist volunteer leaders and employs a professional staff. It assists community organizations to use the program through training, organization, activities, year-round outdoor events, and the operation of summer camp.

Support the good things Scouting stands for by becoming a sustaining member.

Make a generous contribution today.



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## CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## Where your Investment in Scouting Goes...

65% of the budget  
is allocated to  
direct service to  
packs, troops, and  
posts throughout  
Chicago.

11% goes to  
Camping and  
Scouting Programs.



12% is spent on  
fund raising.

General  
administration  
accounts for 4%.

The Council  
Service Center is  
allocated 8% for  
operational  
expenses.

## Why Contribute?

Your financial contribution to the Chicago Area Council's fund raising effort is an investment in the future of our nation.

The dividends will be the thousands of youth members who will grow to be the outstanding citizens of our communities.

In a world full of problems, Scouting offers solutions and answers for youth of both sexes, every race and religion in every community in Chicago.

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SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

The Chicago Area Council receives 73% of its annual budget from contributors like yourself. Only 27% is obtained from Suburban and Chicago United Ways.



# **"We Offer Opportunities for All"**

Scouting has been a part of the Chicago scene since 1911. Now 73 years later, the Chicago Area Council continues to create innovative ways to promote and extend the movement's basic values — character development, self-reliance, leadership, physical and mental fitness and good citizenship.

The Council provides funds for training programs, year-round camping facilities, a council service center, programs and activities and organizational and professional assistance to more than 10,000 adult volunteers, to support over 34,000 youth members registered in over 1,100 units throughout Chicago.

As well as our traditional Cub packs and Scout troops, we serve over 30 units of Scouting For The Handicapped with over 800 members and 220 units for teenage men and women with over 12,041 members involved in career awareness and specialized fields. Our new In-School Cubbing and Scouting program, already with more than 837 members, projects to expand to 1,000 by the end of 1984.

Financially, all of this means a gross operating budget of \$2.8 million, of which 76% goes for program support.

With your help and contribution, you will be able to share in the investment of \$82.00 per youth member, which our council will invest in 1984.

# **Exploring Careers**

***"What will I be when I grow up?"***

All of us at one time or another have asked ourselves this same question. Many of us yearned for some sort of expert guidance that would help us make an informed career choice.

Such a program now exists for young men and women, ages 14-21, and it's part of Scouting's Exploring Division.

For more than 10,765 high school students, Exploring means the chance to seek and discover different career options. Some of these options include programs in medicine, data processing, law enforcement, modeling, and many more. The program zooms in on a specific career or occupation giving on-the-job experience.

Exploring motivates young adults. It gives them the vehicle to pursue their own vocational interests.

**MANPOWER**—Membership follows leadership. An outstanding year of Scouting was made possible by the dedicated and enthusiastic Chicago area citizens who have donated their time and energy to help young people toward responsible citizenship. In 1983, 10,800 adult volunteer leaders did just that.

**UNIT SERVICE**—At the forefront of this dynamic year of leadership was a cadre of 507 adult leaders...the commissioner staff. This dedicated service corps provided that vital link between quality unit program and council services.

**CHARTERED PARTNERS**—765 community groups received national charters to use the Scouting program as part of their own youth work. These 765 groups, which have goals compatible with those of the Boy Scouts of America, include religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, governmental bodies, corporations, professional associations, and groups of citizens.

**YOUTH MEMBERSHIP**—The Chicago Area Council concluded 1983 with a registered youth membership of 34,417, a 4.4 percent increase over 1982. In-school, career awareness and traditional Exploring programs allowed 12,041 young men and women the opportunity to participate in a career information program delivered through a seminar and field trip system as part of the high school curriculum. These programs reflect a 25.2% increase in participation.

**Scouting Serves 12% of all available youth in Chicago and twenty-one South and Southwest suburban communities.**

**UNITS**—1983 saw our Scouting family expand to 1,102 packs, troops and posts. During the year the title of Honor Unit was conferred on 305 of them.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**—During 1983, 824 adult unit leaders completed volunteer training for their positions...a 1.8% increase.



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